

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 41-43, 45, 46, 48, 50, 52-54, 57-67 and 69-86 are active in the case.

Claims 41, 83, 85 and 86 have been amended to delete “=” and replace it with “≥” so that the claims now read “the catalyst has a surface area $\geq 380 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ and a pore volume $\geq 1.10 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$ ”. This corresponds to the limitation of Claim 41 on the surface area and pore volume in the amendment filed September 26, 2002 and the limitation on the surface area and pore volume in Claims 69, 79, 80 and 82 in the latest amendment filed October 22, 2003. The basis for the amendment is the same as that set forth on pages 4 and 5 in the response of September 26, 2002. No new matter has been added in to the amended claims.

Since all claims were held allowable, including above-mentioned Claims 69, 79, 80 and 82, in the latest amendment filed October 22, 2003, it is submitted that amended Claims 41, 83, 85 and 86 and the remaining claims are allowable for the same reasons.

It is submitted that Claims 41-43, 45, 46, 48, 50, 52-54, 57-67 and 69-86 are allowable and such action is respectfully requested.

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